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## Skipping the year

### Nursery and Primary cycle

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#### **Regulations on the subject:**

#### **Ref.: “2009-D-619-en-3” : Integration of pupils with special needs into the European Schools**

Pupils who sometimes progress more quickly but, in general, differently from the others. They are sometimes ahead of their age group in one or other area but rarely in all areas. If this were the case, an assessment should be made, using the list of competences as a yardstick, as to whether a year could possibly be skipped, with the agreement of the directorate and of the inspectorate. It is the teachers' responsibility to ensure that these pupils' behaviour does not deteriorate because of sheer boredom.

#### Steps to be followed:

- After discussion with the class teacher and the Deputy Head parents send a written request for skipping the year to the Deputy Head before the end of the month of May.
- The Deputy Head organises the tests and/or observations, asks the teachers concerned (class teacher of the present class, LII teacher, LS and/or SEN teacher) for a report about the pupil. The Deputy Head may ask the parents for an external report (e.g. psychological, multidisciplinary, etc.).
- The Class Council is convened to discuss the matter and make a judgement.
- The judgement of the Class Council is sent to the Headmaster of the school who makes the decision.
- The decision of the Headmaster is sent to the national inspector for approval. The national inspector may ask for additional tests, reports or observations. He may ask for meetings with the parents, teachers, deputy head, school psychologist, etc., he may personally observe the pupil.
- After the national inspector's decision, the parents are informed in writing by the Headmaster of the school.

It is not advisable to skip the year in the nursery cycle or in the 1<sup>st</sup> class of the primary cycle.